



Town Council aim to identify new use for cemetery chapels

Shipston Town Council is inviting the public to suggest potential new uses for the two chapels in the cemetery, allowing the buildings to be used for community benefit.

The Grade II listed structures were built in the late 19th century and consecrated in 1865. One was designated for use by members of the Church of England, meanwhile the other is nonconformist.

Before any change of use taking place, work will be carried out to ensure that the structures are weathertight.

Anyone with suggestions for alternative use cases should contact the Town Clerk (see page 11 for contact details).



WRCC Heating Fuel Syndicate

WRCC is a local registered charity supporting residents in Warwickshire who help people whose houses are not on the mains gas supply network. They run an oil syndicate allowing them to obtain very competitive prices on their heating oil.

Becoming a member is easy and free of charge. Orders are placed monthly either online or over the phone. All negotiations are managed by WRCC, removing the hassle from members.

The syndicate has been operating since 2012 and has an excellent track record for securing cheaper than average quoted prices.

Further information about the syndicate and membership can be found on the WRCC website: www.wrccrural.org.uk. Queries about the syndicate should be directed to Sharn on 01789 472619 or via email.

WRCC Energy

WRCC Energy is an oil buying syndicate run by a local charity to help members save on their heating bills. We have ordered nearly 6.5 million litres of heating oil, saving over £355,000 against average prices quoted at the time of order (5 pence per litre).



**Visit www.wrccenergy.org.uk or call 01789 472619
to find out more and set up an account**

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Mayor's column

This is such an unusual year to be a Mayor!

The normal round of Civic Services and visits to neighbouring towns and villages to network with other Mayors and Chairmen of local parish councils just cannot happen. So it was good to attend a virtual Zoom meeting of about twelve of us to compare notes. Clearly, our communities are all facing similar issues such as illegal camping and the difficulties around Remembrance ceremonies and playgrounds during coronavirus as examples.

The Remembrance parade and service is such a memorable occasion each year with the streets lined and the church packed out. Veterans, emergency services, local organisations and school children all come together to keep the memories alive. This year the parade cannot happen and the service is likely to be severely restricted in numbers. We could show our respects in a communal fashion, however, by putting a poppy in our front windows and observing the 2-minute silence on our doorsteps.

I would also like to remember our former Mayor Brenda Broughton. Brenda served 2 terms as Mayor and many years as a councillor. She was also a founder member of Shipston in Bloom which every year brightens our town with the beautiful spring and summer planting schemes. She was also a leading Rotarian raising funds for all sorts of local initiatives. Her unstinting and cheerful years of public service have been an inspiration and we are much in her debt. Our sympathies go out to her family at this sad time.

Sheelagh Saunders

Shipston Town Council invites grant applications

Shipston Town Council is inviting grant applications for the 2021/22 financial year, which begins in April 2021. This year grants totalling more than £20,000 were made, supporting a wide range of community initiatives across the town, delivered by voluntary groups and charities.

Cllr Sheelagh Saunders, Town Mayor said: "Each year the community grant scheme does important work supporting existing local voluntary groups and charities. Perhaps in this year of Coronavirus, whose effects look likely to drag long into next year, it is even more important that we look to help those who are finding new ways of supporting our residents who are struggling with unexpected problems that this maelstrom is throwing at us."

The scheme is open to any voluntary group or charity based in Shipston, or those which actively work in the town. Grant applications must be for specific projects, for example, the purchase of equipment or to support a planned event. Typically grants range from £250 to £2,000 for individual organisations, however, larger sums can be made available for some causes.

Closing date for applications is 31st October. Application forms can be requested from the Town Clerk (see page 3 for contact details).

Remembrance Sunday 2020

The Royal British Legion has confirmed that due to Covid 19 guidelines, the Remembrance Parade and usual church service will not take place this year. Plans are being made to hold a small service and/or memorial and details will be published nearer the time when the rules are understood.

See page 9 for a report from the local branch, including how to purchase poppies this year.



Shipston Library is back!

Shipston Library has now reopened and is offering a click and collect service where people can order books online or over the phone. People can also return books that have been loaned.



Quarantining and cleaning measures for returned books will be in place, before they are reused, to reduce the risk of spreading Covid 19. This means that returned items may not be removed from your account for up to 5 days.

Two computers are available for public use in the library and can be pre-booked online or by calling customer services.

The phone number for the library is 0300 555 8171 and lines are open Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm.

News from Shipston Town Council's September meeting



Devolution white paper: The white paper on local government reorganisation is now expected in October. Warwickshire County Council planned to debate the issue on 22 September. The district and borough councils are publishing a report they commissioned from Deloitte to examine the various options.

Stratford District Council finances: Cllr Trevor Harvey provided an update on financial matters. It is estimated that the council will receive £1.2 – 1.5 million in the latest tranche of government support funds for local government, however, this will still leave the authority with a £3 – 3.5 million shortfall this year. A review of this year's budget is taking place to identify potential cost savings and ways of raising additional revenue, however, it is anticipated that the majority of the shortfall will need to be made up by drawing on reserves. It is hoped that the forthcoming government Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) will allow the council to plan for future years.

Shipston Forum delivery: The communications working group will examine options for the resumption of household delivery of the Shipston Forum once they have completed work on the website project.

Kickstart scheme: Cllr Ian Cooper highlighted the government's planned Kickstart scheme, intended to support younger people who are unemployed by contributing toward the cost of employment. He suggested that if the town council required additional resource this option should be explored.

Use of the Little Rec, New Street: Requests have been received from local groups for specific use of the grass area known as the Little Rec, including a one off charitable book sale on behalf of Shipston Lions and the erection of a marquee for use by the Scouts, giving them space to meet outdoors. Councillors are supportive of the requests especially as the marquee could be of benefit to other groups, but as this particular piece of land has restrictions on its use, they need to ensure that no conditions/restrictive covenants are breached. Cllrs Cowley and Cooper will investigate further with the assistance of the Town Clerk who will also consider the implications of insurance and planning permission if a marquee were to be agreed. The Lions book sale was agreed in principle subject to some clarification.

Town Band Hall: It has come to light that remedial work is required to the tarmac of New Street carpark in order to reinstate ventilation under the Band Hall building which is believed to have been compromised during resurfacing work some years ago. Responsibility for the proposed work has not been fully established, therefore councillors deferred a decision to fund the work, pending discussions with the original contractor.

Ashgrove tree work: Further investigation of ownership of the land is required before the commencement of work on the trees.

Woodland north east of river: The council resolved to consult with the current owners of the land to explore the possibility of provision of public amenity space.

SHIPSTON TOWN COUNCIL



Award of Community Grants 2021/22

Local community groups, voluntary organisations and sports/recreational groups are invited to submit applications for grants towards their activities during the 2021/22 financial year.

Grants must be for non-commercial activities which are of benefit to the residents of Shipston.

All applications must be received by 31st October 2020 for consideration by the Finance Working Group.

The group will make recommendations to the Town Council. Grants awarded will be for the year commencing April 2021.

**For full conditions and an application pack
please contact the Town Clerk:
New Clark House, West Street,
Shipston on Stour, CV36 4HD**

Tel: 01608 662180 Email: clerk@shipstononline.org

Rotary Tree of Life



Each December the Tree of Life stands proudly in the centre of Shipston, its white lights glowing symbols of love and hope in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us.

If you wish a friend or relative to be remembered in this way you are invited to sponsor a light by returning the form and making a donation knowing that every name will be entered into the Book of Remembrance. All contributions will be donated to Acorns Children's Hospice who provide specialist palliative care for life limited and life threatened babies, children and young people and support for their families.

The illumination of **The Rotary Tree of Life** will take place on **Friday 4th December**.

Rotary Club of Shipston-on-Stour Tree of Life

Please find enclosed donation £..... (minimum £5) cheques payable to Rotary Club of Shipston on Stour

In Memory of: (Name) _____

From: (Name) _____

Your address: _____

Forms are also available in local shops, banks, library, post office and other locations or contact Avryl

Please return to: Rotarian Avryl Thompson, Willow Bank, Pillerton Priors, Warwickshire CV35 0PS. Tel 01789 740 047

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Shipston High School By Gavin Saunders, Headteacher

Shipston High School has now been fully open to all year groups for a month. Students have returned in excellent spirits and it is wonderful to see learning well underway across the school.

We are very pleased with the excellent manner in which the students returned to school. After a break from being on-site, students have had to learn new procedures for moving between lessons as well as different break and lunchtime routines. They have been thoughtful, mature and courteous from the very start, and should be proud of the excellent focus they have brought the new term.

Year 7 students have started positively. They arrived in school looking smart and ready to learn; they have managed their transition to secondary school exceptionally well in this most unusual year.

All students have shown their adaptability and resilience in these recent months, and I have been impressed by the sustained academic effort both in school and during the period of home learning.

Year 11 students have had an especially challenging year, so it was wonderful to see the fantastic GCSE grades earned by our students. I am pleased that students have left the school to move into a range of fulfilling post 16 opportunities, many at local sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeships. We wish them all the very best for the future.

2020 has continued our recent trend for rising numbers of pupils in the school. Year 7 is the largest year group in the history of the school, demonstrating the growing popularity of the



school and the clear confidence families have in the quality of education. For year 7 entry in the autumn of 2021, places will again be highly sought after, and we anticipate a high number of applications. Details of the deadline for application and ways to discover more about the school are below.



OPEN EVENING

Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, in line with other local schools, we will not be holding our usual Open Evening this year, as the number of potential visitors on site would make it impossible for us to adhere to the Government's guidelines on keeping everyone safe.

Similarly, we will not be in a position to accommodate potential parent visits to view the school as we have done in previous years.

This year we are welcoming families to view the school online. Prospective parents are advised to visit the school website www.shipstonhigh.co.uk where a range of information has been uploaded, to give a flavour of the school and our learning-focused ethos. Telephone (01608 661833) or e-mail: apunt@shipstonhigh.co.uk enquiries are also welcome. The deadline for submitting on-time applications for admission into Year 7 in September 2021 is 31st October 2020.

Mr G. Saunders, Headteacher



An advertisement for the NHS COVID-19 app, displayed on a smartphone screen. The background is light blue. On the left, there is a photo of a smiling woman with glasses and a man with a wide smile, with a red heart icon below them. On the right, the NHS logo is at the top, followed by the text 'Test and Trace'. Below this, a blue speech bubble contains the text 'Protect your loved ones. Get the app.' At the bottom, there is a black bar with the text 'NHS COVID-19 APP DOWNLOAD NOW' and two logos: 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'.

Shipston Primary School

It has been wonderful to welcome a full complement of children and staff back to school. During the first week back our attendance level has averaged over 97%, which is fantastic. A huge thank you to all our parents for their support during this full return to school. Although we were open throughout lockdown for children of key workers and after Whitsun for some year groups, for many children it's been six months since they were in class but I'm very pleased with how the children have returned and their positive attitudes. A common thread of what staff have enjoyed most this week has been simply seeing and hearing the children again - playing at playtime, chatting with their friends and being very keen to answer questions and work hard in class. Our newest children in Reception have been brilliant too. The teachers are enjoying giving the children amazing learning experiences. They deserve it and have been so positive. Teachers are starting from where the children are and building on what they know. As we always do.

The lockdown has drawn attention to the importance of community in our lives. With half the world's students out of school or university, a sense of community has been one of the most important features of education learners have missed. Schools and universities are intellectual and social communities, so whilst we continue our focus on high-quality teaching through a strong focus on the cognitive learning domain (knowledge and the development of intellectual skills), we are also paying huge attention to the affective learning domain - feelings, attitudes, and emotions.

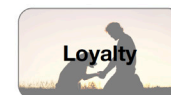
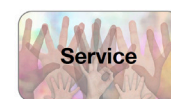
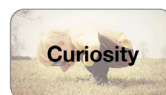
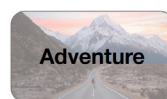
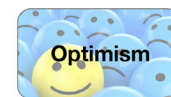
It is important for all of us that the lessons we learnt from the lockdown period are not forgotten. The lockdown provided us with new insights and perspectives which, if implemented, could have profound implications for schools, children and our communities. As author Matt Haig said on social media at the weekend, "Why return to normal when we could make a better normal?"

In a rapidly-changing world, the schools in The Stour Federation Partnership will continue to adapt, evolve and innovate to best serve the needs of our children and inspire them to engage in an exciting future: I hope the key core skills related to English and Maths; global competencies of character, citizenship, collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking; and big ideas of our Cornerstones curriculum with some brand new knowledge-rich topics and science investigations - will form a dynamic interplay that will inspire and empower our children and staff towards the achievement of success.

We continue to focus on different key values to enable our children to develop a greater understanding of the impact of their actions on the well-being of others. We are starting a new 2-year cycle of twelve new values, commencing this autumn with COMMUNITY and APPRECIATION (values that we didn't get to cover during the summer term), then FAIRNESS, OPTIMISM, SERVICE and TRUST. Children will learn about a new value each half term and collect Values tickets when they demonstrate ANY value in action. Our RESPECT Code forms the basis of our school rules and applies to all staff, parents and children in our school community.



During lockdown staff at Acorns Primary and Shipston Primary achieved the 360 Degree Safe online safety accreditation for striving to make sure all our children know how to keep themselves safe online and are



empowered to know how to act/react.

Led by Mrs Bosley (Shipston) and Mrs Head (Acorns), the schools had been working on the self-review tool for the past 12 months and were ready for assessment in March. Unfortunately, the lockdown seemed to put pay to an assessment taking place, but negotiations with the South West Grid for Learning and Warwickshire ICT Development Service led to the schools taking part in the first remote assessment in the country involving interviewing children, parents, staff and leaders, in addition to a mountain of paperwork. Based on their experience with our review, South West Grid for Learning are now looking at offering virtual assessments for other schools

Christian Hilton, Executive Headteacher

Rotarians support schools



Shipston Rotarians have continued to find helpful things to do, donating ten hand sanitising stations to primary schools in the area, including two to Shipston Primary School.

Christian Hilton, Headteacher of Shipston Primary School said: "Many thanks to members of the Rotary Club of Shipston-on-Stour, who have kindly provided external hand sanitiser dispensers for the schools in the Stour Federation Partnership (Acorns, Brailes, Shipston) and other schools in the area too."

Pictured (L to R): Glyn Roberts, (Deputy Head), Christine Cockell (Chairman of Youth Projects), Tony Joint (Treasurer) and Christian Hilton (Headteacher).





Hello Little Shipstonians!

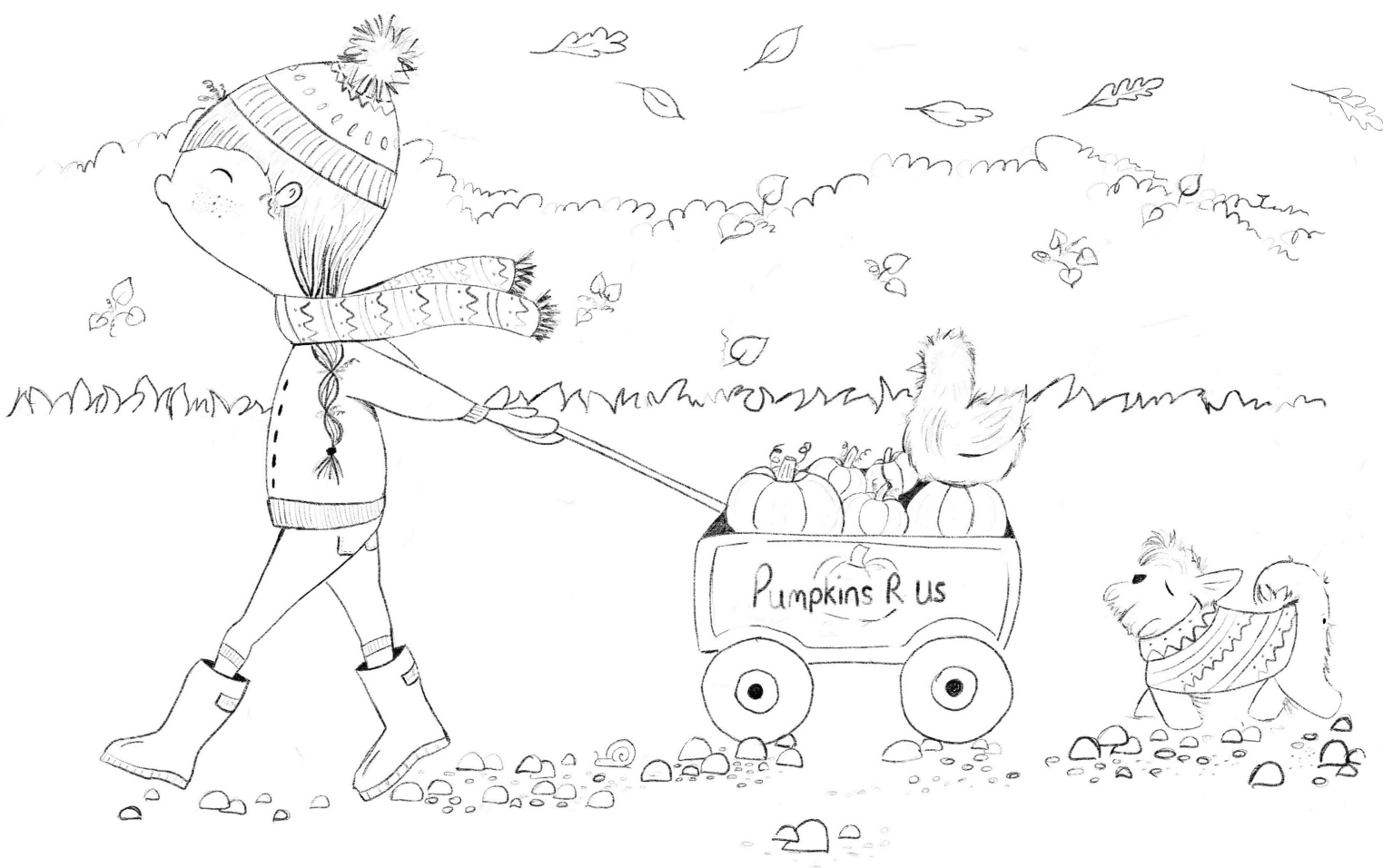
Did you have a go at making your own fossils in the last issue? We hope so. This month's edition is all about celebrating the start of autumn in Shipston on Stour. What comes to your mind when you think of Autumn? Pumpkins? Bright red leaves? Well, the word search below might help you to think of some more Autumnal things. See if you can find all the words and circle them as you go. There is also a picture for you to colour in with a little girl collecting pumpkins to decorate. Can you spot the snail?



Fascinating Fact!

It was hundreds of years ago across the Irish Sea in Ireland that the tradition of carving faces into vegetables is said to have begun. But instead of the pumpkins we use today, they used turnips and potatoes! Have you thought about what face you are going to design for your pumpkin this year?

Little Shipstonians: Colour me in



Lions eager to welcome new members

Have you been touched and inspired by the coming together of local communities to support one another during the Covid 19 pandemic and would like to see that spirit continue long into the future?



This friendly Lions Club is part of the largest service organisation in the world, which is dedicated to providing charitable support and service in local communities - Lions Clubs International. Stour Valley Lions is made up of men and women of all ages with one thing in common - a desire to give some of their time to help build and maintain a better community. There is also a social side and they always endeavour to put the 'fun' in fundraising.

Stour Valley Lions raises money through initiatives such as book sales and stalls at fetes, running the monthly community cinema in Shipston School and many other events. All monies raised are used to support good causes in the local area. You may also have seen the Lions maintaining the beautiful floral displays throughout the year at the Gyratory in Shipston on Stour.

New members are always welcome.

Paul Macpherson, Membership Chairman

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Message in a bottle

The Lions are supporting the national 'Message in a Bottle' initiative which encourages people to store their personal and medical details on a standard form and kept in a common location – the fridge.

While the focus is on the most vulnerable people in our communities, anyone can have an accident at home, so this scheme can benefit anyone.

The local scheme was launched in Brailes on 15th September, when the Lions donated 500 bottles for use by villagers.

Pictured (L to R): Pauline Austin (Welfare lead), David Squires (President), Tony Ashall (Chair of Brailes Parish Council) and Mari Rimell (Brailes 'Message in a Bottle' Project Leader)



Royal British Legion

Sad to say that Remembrance time in 2020 will be like to no other!

Due to the pandemic, The Royal British Legion is unable to carry out house to house collections or sell poppies in the street and as you can imagine this will have a severe impact on our fundraising for 2020. However, poppies are still available to purchase locally and the Shipston branch of Royal British Legion are really hoping that we can count on your support as always.

National arrangements and suggestions as to how to make donations can be found on the Royal British Legion web site (<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>) but you can also donate locally in several ways.

You can buy poppies or donate through the Co-Op store which has kindly agreed to take part in this year's appeal. Many local businesses are still offering their loyal support the Royal British Legion in these difficult times (thank you). This means that fortunately, poppies are available at several static collection points throughout the Shipston area. We also hope to set up a Poppy Pop-up shop in the Post Office on 2nd and 3rd of November and there will hopefully be a manned table collection in the Co-Op store.

All of the above will be carried out paying careful attention to Covid 19 safety guidelines. As you can imagine, guidance regarding what we can do has been changing throughout the



planning period, so we have been unable to set firm dates as yet. All we can request is that you please look out for these initiatives during the time leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

Of course, we very much regret that such drastic action has been necessary to safeguard both collectors and Poppy purchasers, but any monies raised are still much needed and that we are most grateful for your support and donations.

I am the new Poppy Appeal organiser for this area - and what a challenging year it has been in which to take over! If you would like further information please contact me, Sharon, via email.

Thank you in advance to everyone in the Shipston area. I know that you have been fantastic supporters of the Poppy Appeal in the past and, whilst I appreciate that times are very difficult for all of us at present, I hope that we can rely on your generous support this year.

Sharon Harcourt - Poppy Appeal Organiser

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Shipston Branch of the Royal British Legion AGM 8 pm 8th Oct 2020

Due to Covid 19 guidelines, we are unable to hold the AGM in person this year. The AGM will now be held through Microsoft Teams and registration to gain the online invite should be made, by members only, to the Secretary by the 7th Oct. Alblack32@hotmail.com

Mike Wells will be the new Branch Chairman from 8th October.

Shipston Proms

With all the inherent risks of putting on music in the current climate, the Proms committee has sadly shelved any idea of an event this year and instead will be putting all their efforts into making a great show for 2021.

With the absence of any performances this year to report on, I have had a chance to delve into the archives of past musical highlights and I spoke to Shipston's Ben Webber, vocalist, who with his indie guitar band Face Punch, won the Fame Contest in 2011. The four-piece went on to appear at the Final Night of the Proms supporting the headliners The Blockheads.

Now living in London, 26-year-old vocalist Ben told me of his experience of entering the Fame Contest and then appearing on stage at the Last Night of the Proms.

"Face Punch had been together for a year or so before entering the competition. We'd attended the Proms before and it was always something we'd wanted to do. When we entered the Fame Contest, I didn't think we had a chance, but I think our focus on blues and rock really gave us an edge over the competition. Everything went smoothly though, logistics wise, and we won!

Our music was primarily covers, but we had a couple of original songs sprinkled around the setlist. For the Final Night, we spent a good amount of time figuring where would be best to put them and what songs to open and close with.

I remember feeling a bit intimidated by the headline group's tech guys.

Obviously, career professionals who were a bit impatient when dealing with some young amateurs. The final

night was nerve-wracking. We'd done live gigs before but never anything on this scale. We were very nervous on the day, especially supporting the Blockheads! It's a big responsibility entertaining so many people for 30 minutes! It was a great experience though and I will always have fond memories of playing the final night."

After college, the band went their separate ways but they are still in touch on Facebook. Ben told me he still plays the guitar and occasionally records songs. He has also done a few solo gigs at various venues, but never to the extent, he did as a band member. His parting words were that he would absolutely encourage others to enter the Fame Contest as "it's a lot of fun and a great opportunity whether you win or not!"



MUSIC FOR ALL Shipston-on-Stour Warwickshire



District Council Update

In her report last month, my colleague Jo Barker laid out the principal changes that the Government wants to make to the current planning system. Jo sees them as providing 'some great possibilities'. The Government wants to see its target of 300,000 new homes provided each year until the demand for housing is met. This is a laudable ambition. The Government believes, however, the current planning system as a major stumbling block. My view is that there are other more important elements at work.



The current planning system enabled more than 300,000 homes to be built per year in the late 1960s. If it isn't broke, why fix it? Jo argues that planning permissions take an 'average of 7 years at present'. The latest performance figures show that SDC's planners deal with all major applications within 13 weeks and 92% of minor applications within 8 weeks. The system may still need improvement, but it doesn't need dismantling. Developers are currently sitting on permissions for more than a million homes yet to be built – more than enough to meet the target over the next three years. Why are these homes not being built? Because this isn't in the commercial interests of the developers. We have a prime example here in Shipston. Tesco Stores has had planning permission to redevelop the Pettiphers Garage site with a new store with flats above since 2012, and still we wait.

The Government already sets the national planning framework. Apart from removing local control by your councillors over what is built in the District and where, the Government now proposes to use an algorithm – remember this year's exam result fiasco? – to set a 'binding housing requirement' for every area in England. Over the last 3 years, SDC has produced on average of 1,321 new homes, nearly double the target of 730 set out in its current plan. The Government's algorithm, however, would set the target for the District at 1,675 per year, a further increase of 27%. Despite Shipston's sustained growth in recent years, I have no reason to believe other than that the Government would expect us to take our share. When SDC's draft response to the consultation to the White Paper is discussed, you can expect there will be a healthy and vigorous debate.

Trevor Harvey, District Councillor, Shipston North
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County Council update

Two of the major tasks of the County Council are Education and Health – they are big-ticket items. At the moment they are certainly in conflict! We are lucky in Stratford District that we have a low incidence of Covid 19, with thankfully only 13 cases per 100,000 people as I write. As a result, our lives feel a bit more normal than harder hit areas, and we must hope we can head off another lockdown.

Sadly though, where we have conflict between health and education is the repercussions in schools when children test positive, which often leads to a two-week isolation for an entire year group.

I would do anything to stop our children's education being further disrupted. I would also do almost anything to prevent the further derailment of the economy and any more local people losing their jobs, particularly in hospitality and automotive sectors which have already been hit hard.

So, what can we do? I have picked up on a growing feeling of dismay from those writing on local social media, which may lead to some saying enough is enough.

For some, that means time for a change of direction and for others not taking any notice of the regulations – often because they simply can't afford it.

I'm going to be a bit brave here – we need to try and find a way to get our lives back to as close as normal as possible. If we work together to look after our neighbours who need shielding, because of age or infirmity – as 90 or so of us have done as volunteers in Shipston – maybe we can return to a more normal life, once again?

I'm going to start Zoom surgeries – have a look at my FB page for details. I am also at the Foodbank most Saturdays and can talk there, too.

Jo Barker, County Councillor
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Shipston Medical Centre

Medical Centre – t: 01608 661845

This year we have had to adapt how we deliver flu vaccinations to patients to help keep our patients and staff safe. We strongly encourage all eligible patients to book their flu vaccination appointment as soon as you receive your invitation.

Over 65s/ at risk patients:

We will be running clinics for patients who will be aged 65 or over by the end of March 2021 and for patients at risk of developing complications from the flu. This includes patients who are pregnant, are immunocompromised or who have a long term condition such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, and heart disease.

We are writing to this cohort of patients with instructions on how to make an appointment. Please ensure you read the safety information carefully in your invitation letter. We would be grateful

if patients can book their appointment online via the Patient Access or NHS App where possible. Alternatively please call the surgery on 01608 661845 selecting option 5 then option 4.

Clinics are being held in various locations, please ensure you read the guidance on each location before booking to ensure you can access the premises.

We ask that patients wear a face covering when attending a clinic and adhere to social distancing rules at all times. Please attend alone where possible. We ask that patients wear clothing that makes it easy to expose your upper arm.

Appointments are required to secure your vaccination – walk-in appointments will not be available on the day.

Child Flu (2 and 3-year-olds)

We have written to eligible patients to invite them to attend for an appointment. This appointment will be in the main medical centre and we ask that each child attends with only one parent where possible.

Over 50s / Year 7s

There has been a suggestion from the government that the NHS will be offering vaccinations to Over 50s and Year 7s for the first time this year. We are awaiting further information about vaccination plans for this cohort. If you fall into these groups please do not book an appointment until contacted.

We appreciate your support and patience. Thank you.



Shipston Medical Centre

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Shipston Medical Centre	01608 661845
- Out of hours	111
Shipston Forum	01608 495955
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Something exciting to share?

If you have a story that's relevant to Shipston residents, please contact the editor, Chris Rowland on 01295 788655 or email: forum@shipstononline.org

To request posts on the council's Facebook and Twitter feeds, contact Peter White (details above)

Forum copy deadline:
First Wednesday of the month

- but the sooner you can notify the editor of a potential story the better.

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Sunday 1st November 6 - 8pm

A chance to remember those we love but have lost

Candles in jam jars will be placed outside St Edmund's Church. If you have lost a loved one, either recently or in the past, and would like to light a candle in their memory, please bring a jar with a candle in and put it with others outside the church. You might want to put a name on the jar too. We'll have some spares if you need one on the night.

The church will be open for you to come and sit and a list of names read out throughout the evening. Music will be playing and someone will be there to chat if you would like.

If you would like a name added to the list, or a candle added on your behalf please email Revd Sarah Edmonds rector@shipstonchurch.org or call her on 661210.

The beginning of November is a time the church especially remembers our loved ones who have died. This year has been especially difficult for many of us. Please do come and see as we light up St Edmund's in their memory.

